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## Letter dated 30 March 2006 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1650 (2005) of 21 December 2005, by which the Council authorizes the temporary redeployment of military and civilian police personnel between the United Nations Operation in Burundi (ONUB) and the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUC).

Having consulted with the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, MONUC and ONUB, and in view of the requirements outlined in my report to the Security Council of 26 May 2005 (S/2005/320), it is my intention, subject to a decision by the Council, to temporarily redeploy one infantry battalion, a military hospital and up to 50 military observers against the authorized ceiling of ONUB on military personnel to MONUC for an initial period ending 31 December 2006. The battalion, which would operate in the central area of Katanga Province in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, would carry out the mandate entrusted to MONUC by the Council in its resolution 1291 (2000) of 24 February 2000 and all subsequent relevant resolutions on the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The military observers would be deployed in teams to various areas of the Democratic Republic of the Congo in the context of the increased military observer capacity required during the electoral process.

The relevant countries contributing troops to ONUB, namely, Jordan and Pakistan, have indicated their agreement, in principle, to such a temporary redeployment. The deployment of the military observers will be subject to agreement by the concerned contributing countries. A formal agreement between the United Nations and the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo allowing ONUB contingent members to operate on Congolese territory is in the process of being concluded.

Costs related to the temporary redeployment would be covered from within the budgets of ONUB and MONUC, as approved by the General Assembly.

I would be grateful if you would bring the proposal for the temporary redeployment of ONUB troops to MONUC, as outlined above, to the urgent attention of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Kofi **Annan**

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